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 that my citizenship, residence and post office address are as stated below; that I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor(if only one is named below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled :

Threaded Joint for Steel Pipes and Process for the Surface Treatment Thereof

the specification of which

- was filed as United States application  
 Number 10/361,556 on February 11, 2003  
 and was amended on February 11, 2003 (if applicable)
- was filed as PCT international application  
 Number PCT/JP02/03588 on April 11, 2002  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a). I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)	Priority Claimed
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<u>PCT/JP02/03588</u> (Application Ser.No.)	<u>April 11, 2002</u> (Filing Date)	<u>Pending</u> (Status) (patented,pending,abandoned)
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its successors and assigns (hereinafter designated "ASSIGNEE") the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America as defined in 35 U.S.C.100 in the invention entitled

THREADED JOINT FOR STEEL PIPES AND PROCESS FOR THE SURFACE TREATMENT THEREOF

(a) for which an application for United States Letters Patent was filed on February 11, 2003 and identified by United States Serial No. 10/361,556; or

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